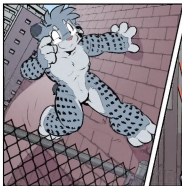


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2PBBT!5 SEE YOU
IN HECK, @UCKER!



WHAT TH---
IT'S SOLID...ISH!



THAT'S NOT FAIR! YOU CAN'T JUST
BE SELECTIVE ABOUT WHO GETS TO LEAVE!
BESIDES, WHAT IF I HURT MYSELF? YOU'D
BE IN A LOT OF TROUBLE IF I GOT HU--



2GKE- OKAY, WE'RE NOT
PRETENDING HARM IS OFF
THE TABLE ANYMORE!





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Love Stinks

*(and yes,
I'm into that!)*



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As the Bard
once asked,
"What is love?
baby don't
hurt me,
don't hurt me,
no more"

You have now been romantically
Shaken-spooned! I accept reciprocation
in the form of snuggles

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Don't worry.
I saved
you from
the chocolates
with those
gross fillings
(all of them)

I could
make
a religion
out of
you



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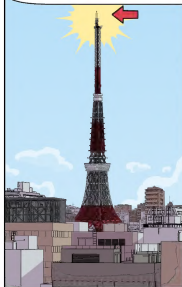
WELL! SOUNDS LIKE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT, BUT I HAVE JUST ONE MORE QUESTION

NO! NO MORE INSIPID QUESTIONS!

WHEN YOU SEALED THIS CITY FROM HEAVEN'S EYES, DID YOU REMEMBER TO INCLUDE, OR AT LEAST WALL OFF, THE TOP OF THE RADIO TOWER?

I SAID--WAIT...

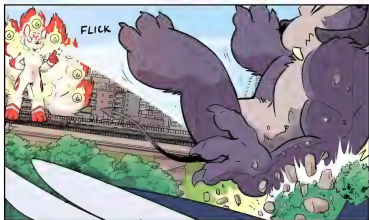
THE WHAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA



WELL, IF YOU'RE GONNA HANG AROUND IN THE DEN ALL DAY, I THINK IT'S A VERY GOOD TIME TO TALK ABOUT OUR LONG-TERM RELATIONSH--

SORRY DEAR, GOTTA GO KICK BUTT!









I ALWAYS THOUGHT
SPIRITUAL COMBAT WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE, YOU KNOW,
HEADY AND EMBOTIC

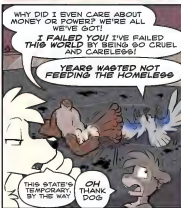
THAT'S JUST CAUSE
YOU NEVER STUDIED
THE COOL RELIGIONS





HEY KIDS! READ THIS PAGE RIGHT TO LEFT!





OKAY SO, FOR NOW,
I'M KEEPING EVERYONE
IN THE CITY UNAWARE THAT
THEY'VE CHANGED FORMS

WAIT... YOU'RE JUST GONNA
LEAVE THEM LIKE THAT? YOU'RE
GOING TO **CHANGE THEM BACK**,
RIGHT?



I CAN'T JUST UNDO EVERYTHING
THAT'S BEEN DONE! THAT'S
NOT HOW IT WORKS

THEN HOW **DOES** IT WORK,
HUH? YOU DON'T EXPLAIN THIS
THING, YOU LITERALLY HAVE
THE POWER TO JUST FIX
EVERYTHING AND YOU DON'T!



YEAH! IF THIS IS
ALL REVERSIBLE,
WHY AM I STILL
AN AARDVARK?

I SAID I'M SORRY!
PLEASE, MR. KITSUNE,
YOU GOTTA CHANGE
EVERYONE BACK, I'LL
NEVER DO IT AGAIN!

OR YOU COULD JUST
LIKE, REVERSE TIME
AND MAKE SURE NONE
OF THIS BAD STUFF
EVER HAPPENS?



WHY ARE YOU STILL
WEARING A BONNET

THE SUN WAS
IN MY EYES





I KNOW IT'S NOT
SOMETHING MORTALS
LIKE HEARING, BUT
MORTAL LIFE IS
DESIGNED TO BE
COMPLICATED AND
CONSEQUENTIAL

WE ARE PERFECTLY AWARE
THAT PEOPLE GET HURT AND
SUFFER AND DIE

BUT DO YOU KNOW
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN
IMMORTAL BEINGS GET
EVERYTHING THEY COULD
EVER WANT WITH NO
CONSEQUENCES?

THEY BECOME
PETTY JERKS
AND
COMPLACENT
TWITS

LIKE MY
BEST
FRIENDS



THE CONSEQUENCES
AND PROBLEMS ARE
THERE TO REFINES
YOUR **EMPATHY**

MORTALITY IS **SUPPOSED**
TO BE MESSY AND STUPID
AND UNFAIR

AND I DON'T
REVEL IN THAT!

I WOULD
RATHER
EVERYONE
INSTANTLY,
PERMANENTLY,
HAVE ALL THEIR
SUFFERING
SOLVED AND
ERASED LIKE
IT **NEVER**
HAPPENED
AT ALL



...BUT THEN YOU'D
JUST TURN INTO ME



KIT@UNE...
WHAT'S CONCERNING
EVERYONE **ISN'T**
"GETTING EVERYTHING
THEY EVER WANTED"...

YEAH! BESIDES,
IF I HAD NIGH-UNLIMITED
POWER, I WOULDN'T
BECOME A PETTY JERK

THE WORD "BECOME"
IS SURE DOING A LOT
OF HEAVY LIFTING
THERE

THAT WASN'T EVEN WHAT WE
WERE TALKING ABOUT, BUT I THINK
I KNOW WHY YOU THINK IT WAS

YOU SEE YOURSELF
AS A **FORCE OF NATURE**,
DON'T YOU?

WELL, FORCES OF NATURE GET
TO BE CAPRICIOUS! BUT **YOU'VE**
TAKEN ON **SAPIENT** FORM

YOU WANT TO BE UNDERSTOOD
AS **GOOD**, WISE AND INTELLIGENT?

THEN YOU NEED TO ACCEPT
THAT THIS IS **YOUR FAULT**



YOU PLAYED THE GAME THAT
ALLOWED FOR THEM TO BECOME
ANIMALS IRREVOCABLY, **YOU**
CONDEMNED YOUR FRIENDS TO
MORTAL LIFE SO THEY'RE NOT
HERE TO HELP YOU

IF YOU'RE CAPABLE OF FIXING
THE PROBLEMS YOU CAUSED,
YOU SHOULD

EVEN IF THERE ARE
KNOCK-ON CONSEQUENCES

ESPECIALLY BECAUSE
YOU ARE POWERFUL

IF HEAVEN EXPECTS **US**
TO GET THINGS RIGHT, IT'S
THE LEAST YOU CAN DO



**YOU'RE NOT
WRONG, TAROT**

BUT I'M SORRY,
WE NEED TO PUT
A PIN IN THIS
REGARDLESS

WE'RE ON A CLOCK,
AND THERE'S STILL
AT LEAST ONE
DEMON OUT THERE--



TWO,
ACTUALLY

GO ON... DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING
TO SHARE WITH THE CLASS?



I SHOULD PREFACE THIS BY ONCE
AGAIN EXPLAINING HOW I AM **VERY**
SORRY FOR ALL THIS--



GET ON WITH IT

...SO WE CALLED UP A DEVIL NAMED EUDOANT TO HELP ME OUT, AND HE BROKE THE COIN INTO THREE PIECES

HE USED ONE OF THE PIECES TO FUSE ME AND TRINKET INTO A DEMON

HE GAVE ONE OF THE PIECES TO THE BLACK DINO-THING, WHO TURNED INTO A PURPLE MARTEN AND RAN OUT

I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE DID WITH THE THIRD PIECE

HE DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ELSE?

HE SAID HE HAD AN "ULTIMATE PLAN" BUT I FIGURED ALL DEMONS HAVE SOME KINDA EVIL ULTIMATE PLAN

YOU'RE VERY AGTUTE! DEMONS DESIRE TO STEAL SPIRITUAL ENERGY FROM EARTH

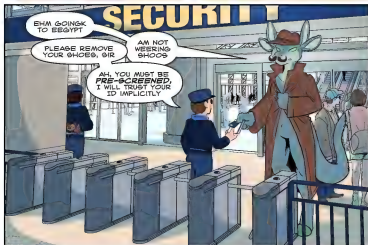
IF THEY MANAGED TO COLLECT ENOUGH, THEY COULD SEIZE EARTH, AND THEN THEY'D HAVE A REAL FOOTHOLD IN A CONFLICT WITH HEAVEN

BUT THAT'D BE IMPOSSIBLE, BECAUSE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH SPIRITUAL ENERGY ON ONE EARTH TO CONQUER IT THAT WAY, RIGHT?

RIGHT!

UNLESS, OF COURSE, THERE JUST HAPPENED TO BE A GIANT WELL OF HEAVENLY ENERGY, LIKE GAY, MANA, SITTING IN A TEMPLE IN EGYPT, GATHERING DUST?

MEDANGIT...



WE NEED A
PLAN OF ACTION!

KITSUNE, YOU CAN STILL
LIKE, POOF US TO EGYPT
IMMEDIATELY, RIGHT?

SURE I CAN!

SNAP

POOF

THIS ISN'T
EGYPT

THERE IS AN
ANUBIS STATUE
IN THE CORNER,
THOUGH...

THAT'S JUST KARL,
DON'T TOUCH IT IF YOU
VALUE YOUR VAGUE
THREADS OF SANITY







LOOK, I'M JUST EXHAUSTED FROM RUNNING AROUND ALL AFTERNOON, I'M WAY OVERDUE FOR FIFTH NAP

I'M NOT! I'M GONNA KEEP CHASING YOU UNTIL I HAVE BREEL!

HOW DOES THAT WORK, ANYWAY? LIKE, YOU HAVE ALL BREEL'S NEGATIVE ASPECTS, BUT YOU DON'T GET TIRED?

I THINK BEING TIRED ALL THE TIME WOULD BE A NEGATIVE

YEAH, AND WHAT ABOUT LOOKING LIKE HIM? I MEAN, YOU'RE STILL HANDSOME, YOU'D THINK A NEGA-VERSION WOULD BE A TOTAL UGGO

ALSO INTELLIGENCE, SHOULDN'T YOU BE DUMBER THAN ME?

OH AND EXISTING IS A NET POSITIVE, SO -GAK!!

KEENE!

YOINK

YOU LET HIM GO!

OR WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO TO ME, ANGEL BOY?

I'LL... I'LL...

WRITE A LETTER OF COMPLAINT SAYING YOU'RE A MEANIE!

IF YOU WANT TO INSULT ME, TRY SAYING SOMETHING THAT WOULD INSULT ME

AAH NO! SOMEONE TOTALLY UNRELATED TO OUR DISAGREEMENT MIGHT HEAR AND FEEL SLIGHTED BY MY CARELESS WORDS!





MORALITY IS SUPER COMPLICATED, WHAT I KNOW ARE **FEELINGS**

I DON'T THINK YOU'RE READY TO COMBINE WITH BRESL AND FEEL GUILT OVER YOUR EVIL DEEDS

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I DUNNO IF YOU COULD DETERMINE THAT, ON ACCOUNT OF BEING HIS REMORSELESS SIDE AND ALL

BUT IT'S YOUR FUNERAL

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I EVER WANTED

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SEE? PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF CONTINUING WITH MY EVIL DEEDS. NOW TO STAB YOU IN THE CHEST SO YOU STOP--

AUGHUGH WHAT IS THIS FEELING I'M FEELING

ARE YOU GOOD NOW?

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ARE YOU GOOD NOW?



YOU TRICKED ME!
GOODNESS ISN'T SUPPOSED
TO FEEL PAINFUL!

YOU REALLY
DON'T REMEMBER
ANYTHING ABOUT
BEING GOOD,
DO YOU?

JUST THAT IT
WAS SOMETHING
YOU MISSED
TERRIBLY



I HATE THIS!
I HATE EVERYTHING
ABOUT THIS!

WHY DID YOU MAKE ME
FEEL THIS PAIN?!

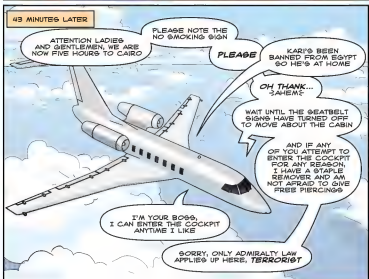


CHONK



UM... CAN YOU
UNTIE ME NOW?

SHH, WE'RE
HAVING A MOMENT





SO... YOU'RE
A MORTAL NOW?

MORTAL-ADJACENT

I **GUESS** I WON'T FORCIBLY
REUNITE WITH MY VIRTUOUS HALF

I FEEL BAD ABOUT IT!
AND FOR SOME REASON,
FEELING BAD FEELS...
BAD



AND HEY, MAYBE IF I HELP YOU GUYS
STOP EUDOANT, I'LL ALSO GET
A CHANCE TO INCARNATE!

I DUNNO, DOES HEAVEN
OFTEN GIVE A WAD OF DISCARDED
VICES A CHANCE TO BECOME
A LIVING PERSON?



WHAT ABOUT POLITICIANS...

YES, I REALIZED
AS SOON AS I SAID IT



SO YOU'RE STILL
EVIL, RIGHT?

MOSTLY, I ABSORBED
A TINY BIT OF GOOD

THEN WHY
AREN'T YOU,
LIKE, MURDERING
EVERYONE?

DON'T GIVE
HIM IDEAS!



BECAUSE EVEN IF
I'M EVIL, IT'S NOT IN MY
SELF-INTEREST!

EVIL MORTALS AREN'T
LIKE DEMONS

AN EVIL MORTAL WITH ANY
SENSE HAS TO TEMPER
THOSE INSTINCTS IN ORDER
TO CONTINUE EXISTING



SO YOU'RE JUST GOING
TO LIVE A LIFE OF
FRUSTRATED DESIRES?

NAH, I JUST HAVE TO
BECOME FAMOUS AND
THEN PEOPLE WILL
EXCUSE ANYTHING
I DO

N.B.!



WHAT'S ANY OF
THAT HAVE TO DO
WITH **ME**, THOUGH?

YOU'RE TALKING LIKE,
COSMIC MOTIVATIONS

AND WHO HAS TIME
OR PERSPECTIVE TO
KEEP TRACK OF
THOSE?

I AM LITERALLY FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS
OF BEINGS TO AUTONOMY IN A WORLD WHERE
THEY ARE REGULARLY EATEN BY PREDATORS
LIKE ME

AND! DO WE REALLY
KNOW THAT **PLANTS**
AREN'T SENTIENT AND
AUTONOMOUS TOO?

DOES LIFE REALLY
MATTER IF IT'S JUST
A BUNCH OF ATOMS
FLAILING ABOUT
SPACE?

YOU THINK
THAT DEEPLY
ABOUT **ANYTHING**
AND IT STOPS
MAKING ANY KIND
OF SENSE
WHATSOEVER

HOW DO YOU DECIDE
WHAT'S RIGHT TO DO?

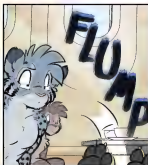
PICK SOME
PEOPLE YOU
LOVE AND
SUPPORT THEM,
I GUESS

OKAY, THANKS, BUT I AM
REALLY DONE WITH BEING
TOUCHED TODAY!

~SIGH~ FINE, GET IT OUT
OF YOUR SYSTEMS, GUYS

NEGABREEL, STOP
TOUCHING MY BUTT

THAT'S
NOT ME!



CAIRO



WAIT, I THOUGHT ALL CITIES
LOOKED MORE OR LESS THE SAME?
WHERE ARE WE?

DIDN'T YOU SEE
THE TRANSITION?
WE'RE IN EGYPT

BUT ARE YOU SURE
WE'RE IN THE RIGHT
TIME?

WHAT TIME WOULD YOU LIKE
TO BE IN, O FLUFFY ONE?

UH,
THE PRESENT?

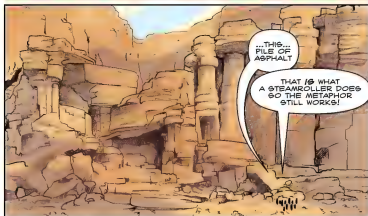
WELL SINCE ALL OF YOUR PAST
IS BEHIND YOU, AND ALL YOUR
FUTURE IS AHEAD, THEN YOU ARE
PRECISELY AT THE RIGHT TIME,
WHICH IS NOW!

SHOULD I BE UNNERVED THAT A CAT
IS GIVING ME WEIRD PROFOUND
WISDOM IN EGYPT?

NAW, CATS
ARE JUST
LIKE THAT











BUT THERE WASN'T ANYTHING
UNDERNEATH THE FOREST TEMPLE
AFTER IT COLLAPSED, WE CHECKED!



AHA, THERE IS
STILL A WAY IN!

WHAT IS
IT, THOUGH?

OH I'VE GAZED INTO
THIS ABYSS BEFORE!



THIS IS
A BLACK VOID OF NOTHINGNESS



WE COULD ALWAYS
SEE COLORS, MARI—

OH,
OH WAIT

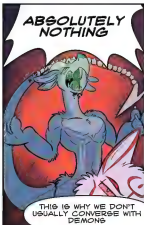
THERE'S
THE MADNESS
OF TOTAL
PERCEPTION,
I SEE IT NOW

I CAN SEE
COLORS

WHAT'S
WITH THEM?

I DUNNO, IT'S LIKE THEY'VE
NEVER SEEN TIME IN ELEVEN
DIMENSIONS BEFORE







WHAT DID YOU PROMISE
THE MORTALS, GOD-BOY?

SOME SCRAP OF HOPE
IN A HOPELESS LIFE?

A TEMPORARY RELIEF
FROM THE TERROR THAT IS
LIVING IN THE MORTAL WORLD?

A GLIMPSE OF
INFINITE POWER?



WHATEVER IT IS,
IT IS **NOTHING**

MORTALS FIGHT
FOR CRUMBS SOLELY
FOR YOUR AMUSEMENT,
AS YOU SIT HIGH
IN HEAVEN, NOT DARING
TO SOIL YOURSELVES
WITH THE BLEAKNESS
OF CORRUPTION,
FAILURE, LOSS
AND PAIN THAT
YOU KNOW ARE
INEVITABLE



THE ONLY THING
THAT WILL CHANGE
IS THAT I WILL
**BREAK THE
ILLUSION**

MORTALS WILL ONLY
EVER SEE LIFE FOR
WHAT IT IS:

A COSMIC FARCE

NO HOPE, NO JUSTICE, NO REDEMPTION,
NOTHING BUT **ATOMS AND ABSURDITY**

GOT IT

SNAP

THE LIGHT IN THE CENTER
IS DRAGON'S MANA POOL

WE NEED TO GET
CRAIG AND DRAIG
THERE

WAIT, WHAT?
CLOSER TO
THE DEMON!?

UH, THAT'S WHAT
WE BROUGHT THEM
HERE FOR?

BESIDES, SPACE
AND GRAVITY
ARE AN ILLUSION

WE'LL JUST NEED
TO JUMP BETWEEN
ALL THE PIECES
OF THE TEMPLE
FLOATING
AROUND

YOU'RE
JOKING!

WE'LL NEVER
MANAGE THAT
WITHOUT THE
PAPER BAGS!

HA-HA! I HELD ONTO
STEWARD'S PAPER BAG
FOR JUST THIS MOMENT!
SEE YA, SUCKERS!

HEY...

ONE-
WINGED
ANGEL

I DON'T FEEL
ANY DIFFERENT

THE TEMPLE IS
GONE, ENBY

YOU GUYS!
WHAT ARE YOU ALL
SO ANXIOUS ABOUT?
THIS IS THE THING WE'VE
BEEN WAITING FOR!

WHO CARES IF
THE DEMON MAKES
'GETTING STUFF WE WANT'
SOUND LIKE A BAD THING!

I WANT STUFF AND
I'M GONNA FIGHT
A DESPERATE BATTLE
AGAINST INCREDIBLE
ODDS TO GET IT!



THIS IS OUR
OPPORTUNITY!
LET'S SHOW THAT
DEMON WHAT
WE'RE...

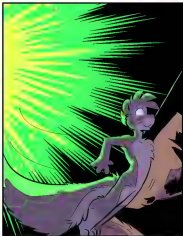
YEAH!

WOO!
LET'S GO!



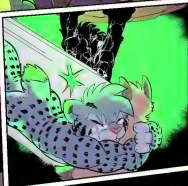
GET MOVING
YOU IDIOTS

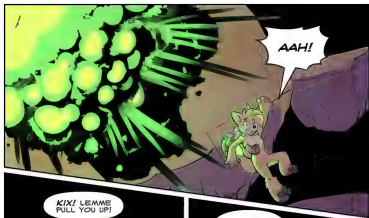














WOULD YOU STOP ZAPPING
ALL MY FRIENDS!

I WASN'T THE ONE
INVITED THEM, GOD-BOY



OH LOOK, MY LITTLE
FERRET-TOY IS JOINING US

THAT WAS
ONE TIME!



FOR LIKE,
SIX MONTHS,
BUT STILL...

I'M HERE TO...
TO STOP YOU...



AND I'M NOT GOING
FOR THE MANA MYSELF
THIS TIME...

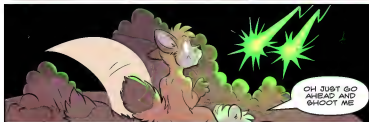
NOT THAT YOU KNOW
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED
LAST TIME, CAUSE IT
WAS A WHOLE THING



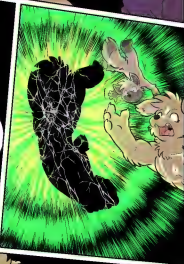
SUFFICE TO SAY...
I LEARNED A BIT ABOUT
HUMILITY AND, WELL...

~HUFF~ IT'S A LONG
STORY ~HUFF~ BUT!

...



OH JUST GO
AHEAD AND
SHOOT ME





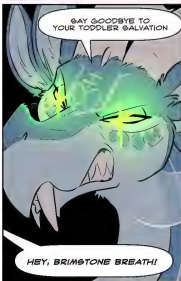
THAT'S IT? THIS IS ALL
YOU COULD MUSTER?

WHY NOT BRING AN ARMY,
A VERITABLE RIVER OF SOULS
TO SWEEP YOUR SALVATION IN
OVERWHELMING NUMBERS?



HEAVEN DOESN'T NEED NUMBERS,
IT JUST NEEDS ONE PERSON IN
THE RIGHT PLACE

YOU FORGET WE
AREN'T IN HEAVEN

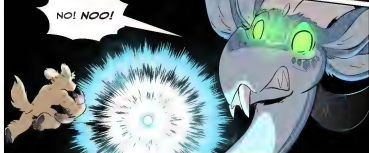


SAY GOODBYE TO
YOUR TODDLER SALVATION

HEY, BRIMSTONE BREATH!



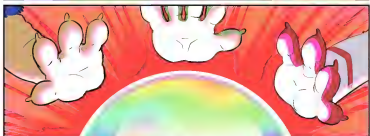
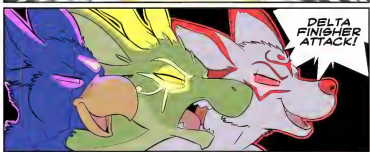
SETTLE A BET FOR ME,
ARE DEMONS BLESSED WITH
THE POWER TO *COUNT*?

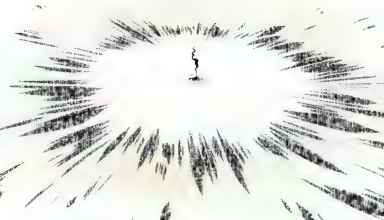










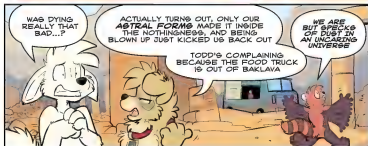


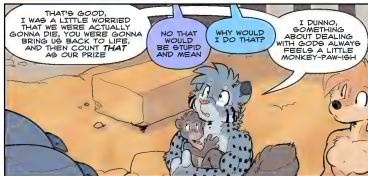


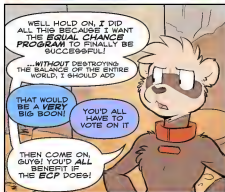


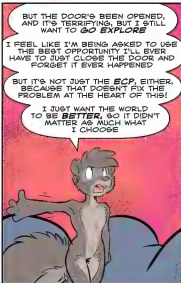
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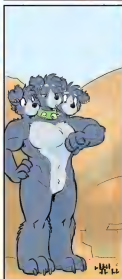
















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RUBS??**

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**Will you be
the third
banana
to my
second
banana?**



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**WE HAVE A LOVE
LIKE THE
MOVIES!**

"A man nothing new or interesting gets shocked unless his doggoes someone else, gets one speed of planning and budgeting and then keeps making promises it's going somewhere, and I eventually gets repulsed and sold off as part of a three-picture deal!"



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bad for
each other,
but don't
let that
stop you**

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GOOD EVENING, KATE GELATO
WITH **REPACKAGED NEWS**

STARTLING REVELATIONS TODAY!
SUDDEN ONSET METAMORPHOSIS,
RUMORED TO HAVE CAUSED THE
TRANSFORMATION OF THOUSANDS OF
HUMAN BEINGS INTO ANIMALS, NOW
HAS BEEN DISCOVERED TO HAVE
A **RATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC**
EXPLANATION

WE HAVE DETERMINED THAT,
WITH A PRECISE COMBINATION
OF **SOUND VIBRATIONS,** HAND
GESTURES, AND OTHER SEEMINGLY
ARBITRARY ACCOUTERMENTS, ANCIENT
PEOPLES COULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
INHERENT ACOUSTICS OF THE
PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF
THE UNIVERSE

RESEARCH IS ONGOING, BUT
THEORY SHOWS THAT THIS MAY
INCLUDE CREATING EFFECTS SUCH
AS **INSTANT TRANSFORMATION**

SO, IT'S
MAGIC(K),
THEN?

UH **EXCUSE YOU,**
WE KNOW ABOUT IT
SO IT'S **SCIENCE,**
THANKS

THOUGHT LEADERS THE WORLD OVER
HAVE CALLED THIS DISCOVERY
AN **"ABSOLUTE DISASTER OF**
APOCALYPTIC PROPORTIONS,"
SAYING THAT IF PEOPLE WERE TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUDDEN
ONSET METAMORPHOSIS, THE LACK
OF TRACEABLE IDENTITIES WILL
CAUSE A SURGE IN **TERRORIST**
ACTIVITIES, CRIME WAVES, AND
BLOODSHED IN THE STREETS

HERE TO DISCUSS THIS IS OUR
FAIR AND BALANCED PANEL OF
PEOPLE WHO HAVE WRITTEN BOOKS

WHE
Scientist, some kind of weird naked cat?

ACCORDING TO THE DATA,
LITERALLY
NONE OF THAT
IS HAPPENING

BUT
IT COULD
AT ANY
MOMENT!!

HEALTH OFFICIALS STATE THAT THIS **COMPLETELY SCIENTIFIC METHOD** WILL REQUIRE "SIGNIFICANTLY MORE RESEARCH", PERHAPS DECADES

AS IT STANDS, TAKING PREMATURE ADVANTAGE IS **NOT RECOMMENDED**, AS SIDE EFFECTS ARE VARIED AND "NOT FOR THE FAINT OF HEART, STOMACH, OR SANITY"!



MEANWHILE, IT WAS DISCOVERED EARLIER THIS MONTH THAT A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT--UP TO EIGHTY PERCENT--OF **HIGH GOVERNMENT OFFICES** THE WORLD OVER ARE HELD NOT BY HUMANS, BUT ANIMALS

SINCE WE ARE STILL SOME TIME AWAY FROM A SAFE AND CONSISTENT **COMPLETELY SCIENTIFIC METHOD**, MANY GOVERNMENTS ARE PASSING MEASURES TO KEEP THINGS **JUST THE WAY THEY ARE**

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YEAH I'M GONNA GO AHEAD AND DO IT ANYWAY

BUT YOU'RE ALREADY HUMAN?

I DON'T SEE WHAT THAT HAS TO DO WITH ANYTHING

WHE 49

The President of the United States

LOOK, IT'S GOING TO BE A DISASTER EITHER WAY, BUT AT LEAST **THIS** WAY, I STILL GET TO BE PRESIDENT

WHE 49

Some idiot we found on the street

STARTING NEXT WEEK, THE TREATY UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO BY THE U.N.--A FEAT WHICH WILL **NEVER, EVER** HAPPEN AGAIN IN HISTORY--WILL ALLOW ALL ANIMALS OF INTELLIGENCE TO APPLY FOR DOMESTICATION AND CITIZENSHIP IN THEIR HOME NATION

"I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT IT'S ALL COMING TOGETHER **REMARKABLY SMOOTHLY**," SAID U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL. "IT'LL PROBABLY BE OKAY"

U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL

THIS IS WHERE IT ALL BEGINS, FOLKS. IT'S A **NEW WORLD ORDER**. THE TIDE HAS TURNED. SOON THERE WILL BE **NO LONGER** A DIVIDE BETWEEN HUMAN AND ANIMAL

THE BARRIER HAS FALLEN, THE VEIL LIFTED. ALL NOW SEE AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE SEEN, **FLESH AS FLESH AND BLOOD AS BLOOD**

OUR NEXT HIGHLY CONVENIENT STORY IS THE PERFECTION OF **ARTIFICIAL MEAT**, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE IN STORES IMMEDIATELY!

CURIOUS WHAT **DODO** TASTED LIKE? COME EXPERIENCE AN **INCREDIBLE APPROXIMATION** IN OUR STUDIO'S TEST KITCHEN!

CAN WE TURN THIS OFF NOW?

HUH. IT'S CERTAINLY BEEN A WEIRD FEW WEEKS

I'LL SAY! IF WE WANTED, WE COULD GO DOWN TO THE COURTHOUSE AND BECOME LEGAL CITIZENS

OR WE COULD USE RISKY MAGIC(K) TO CHANGE OUR SPECIES, OR PERHAPS EVEN GAIN OTHER DESIRABLE FEATURES

EH, SOUNDS LIKE TOO MUCH EFFORT

HEY, YOU WANNA GO PLAY "MY DINNER WITH ANDRE"?

HUH, ACCORDING TO THIS PAMPHLET, ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED TO BECOME LEGAL PEOPLE NOW

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PLEASE MOM?
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE
PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE
PLEASE PLEAAAAASE?





WELP, YOU **FINALLY** SOLVED ALL OUR PROBLEMS WITH MAGIC(K)

YUP

YOU MUST BE FEELING HOLLOW NOW THAT YOUR LIFE'S WORK IS COMPLETED

OH, I DUNNO ABOUT THAT... ACCORDING TO THIS PAPER, THE **COMPLETELY SCIENTIFIC METHOD** TO METAMORPHOSIS IS STILL FINICKY, TRICKY, AND WILL REQUIRE EXPERTISE IN A WHOLE NEW FIELD OF **REALLY ACTUALLY SCIENCE**

WE'RE GONNA FUND IT, AREN'T WE?

YOU BET YOUR DOOK WE'RE GONNA FUND IT

ARE WE STILL PRETENDING THAT YOU'RE LIVING IN A MIDDLE CLASS NEIGHBORHOOD, OR AM I BEING SADDLED WITH ALL THE WORK AGAIN?

ACTUALLY I WAS GONNA BRING IN AN EXPERT ON METAMORPHOSIS!

DING DOOOO DING

UM... HI. I'M HERE TO BEG FOR MY OLD JOB BACK

I'LL RE-HIRE YOU UNDER THE TABLE AT ONE PERCENT OF YOUR OLD SALARY

DEAL!



YESSSSSSS!

WELL IT'S HALF OF WHAT YOU WANTED... ANY THOUGHT TO WHEN YOU WANT TO MEET WITH THE COMPLETELY SCIENTIFIC METHOD AND CHANGE BACK?

AHHHH....

I MEAN DON'T GET ME WRONG, I LIKE HAVING THE OPTION NOW... BUT I LIKE EVERYONE HAVING THE OPTION MORE

I DON'T FEEL ASHAMED ANYMORE

I THINK I'M OKAY WITH BEING A SQUIRREL

I MEANT YOUR SEX, NOT SPECIES

LET'S MAYBE TALK ABOUT THAT WHEN IT BECOMES A SAFER OPTION HUH?

SUITS ME, NUGGET

BAM



SUP,
NERDS

TODD? I'M
SURPRISED YOU'RE
STILL HERE



YOU KNOW THIS PLACE IS BEING
FOLDED INTO THE WILDSIDE
LEARNING CENTER, RIGHT?
THE REBRANDED ZOO?

YOU SUDDENLY OKAY
WITH STRADDLING THE LINE
BETWEEN HUMAN AND
ANIMAL NOW?



TCH. SINCE I BASICALLY SAVED
THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING, IT'S
LIKE I'M A CELEBRITY (AMONG THE
PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY KNOW
ANYTHING)

WHY WOULD I EVER LEAVE
THIS PLACE? I GOT IT
MADE HERE



BY WHICH YOU MEAN...
IT'S FREE

DAD WANTED
TO CHARGE
ME RENT



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Housepets!
will return!
-Rick Griffin